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DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY John Simms DATE 2-26-81
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

Memo:
11/13 Meeting re Cong Ryan & Pty
Proposed Trip to Guyana

Present:
Cong Leo Ryan, J. Speier, Mr. Scollert [redacted] E 1.5 (b)
S. Katsaris, A. Gise, S. Dobrenchuk, J. Griffin, T. Fortune, M. Truitt, F. Henneke, R. Belt, E. O'Kane.

(Katsaris is a rep of the Concerned Relatives of members of PT)

Cong. Ryan: Explained that his initial interest in case came through a long-time friend [redacted] E 1.5 (b) E 1.5 (d), whose son [redacted] joined PT and whose 2 grandchildren are presently in Jonestown. [redacted] E 1.5 (b) wanted to get his grandchildren back from Jonestown.

Cong. then introduced [redacted] who left People's Temple; the Cong. recorded her account. [redacted] E 1.5 (b) is 25 years old. 11 & 12 grade boarding school in London. E 1.5 (b) Says parents divorced and mother gave $50,000 [redacted] E 1.5 (b). Is financial secretary in San Francisco, Calif. Went to Guyana in Dec. 1977. Office in Georgetown. [redacted] E 1.5 (b)

Described difficulties of her departure (see Georgetown 1545) and also related seeing "beatings" in the PT when individuals did not work hard enough. She said a number of codes were employed -- Code names for persons and phrases for other meanings. She gave examples of the "power" Jim Jones has over people and the consequences felt when PT members do not praise him as "God." She related account of a fake suicide by a FT group and also about a special group for laggards--learning crew. She told about a Relationship Committee where you get permission to have contact with opposite sex.

[redacted] both expressed what they E 1.5 (b) believed to be total control over PT members by Jim Jones, stating that they are afraid not to do as told by him.

Ms. Katsaris recounted studies done on such mind control in similar organizations and left some material with SCS - R. Belt

[redacted] E 1.5 (d)

[redacted] says McCoy visit were prepared for - E 3b
names known in advance, who, where, also rehearsed ahead of time.

Temple kept family hostages
Demographic composition: 2/3 black - about 1/2 are older

Are there others like [redacted] white - E 3b E 3b
now back in U.S. and has left church but wife and daughter still in Jonestown.

[redacted] says church members signed blank piece of E 3b
paper and put on fingerprints.

The Cong. thanked Department for listening and showing interes
Mr. Gise requested that Cong. & pty. return to discuss trip with us upon its completion.